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Epsilon Engineering, Inc.

July 15, 2003

Mr. Craig Jordan
Project Engineer
Department of Public Works - City of College Station
2613 Texas Avenue
College Station, Tx 77842

Reference: Greens Prairie Road Widening Project - Bid Award Recommendation
Project No. ST 0214 Purchase Order No. 020924

Dear Mr. Jordan:

We have evaluated the four bids opened on July 10, 2003 for construction of the Greens Prairie Road Widening project. All bids for the base bid and alternates were within the available \$3.9 million budget.

The base bid was to construct Greens Prairie Road with Asphaltic Concrete Pavement to four lanes with a center raised median / turn lane and curbs and sidewalks on both sides. Alternate 1 was to build the road with 7" thick jointed reinforced concrete pavement. Alternates 2 and 3 were to install a 6" waterline to the proposed Fire Station #5 site by either cutting and restoring the existing pavement (Alternate 2) or boring under the existing pavement (Alternate 3). Construction is to be substantially complete within twelve months.

Since the jointed reinforced concrete pavement of Alternate 1 will provide a more durable and longer lasting pavement, we recommend its use for this project. Furthermore, due to time of construction, lower cost, and minimal impact on the traveling public, we recommend that the water line to the fire station be installed by cutting and restoring the existing pavement as identified in Alternate 2. The bids for this scenario are as follows:

	Young Contractors, Inc.	TEXCON, Inc.	Glenn Fuqua, Inc.	Ramos Industries, Inc.	
<u>Base Bid +</u> <u>Alternates 1 & 2</u>	\$2,739,445.30	\$3,017,899.20	\$3,158,328.92	\$3,388,574.70	

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The low bidder, Young Contractors, Inc., appears to have made a responsive and responsible bid with individual bid items within a normal range for this type of construction. They did not appear to have any obvious arithmetic errors in the bid. Therefore, we are recommending that Young Contractors, Inc. be awarded the construction contract in the amount of \$2,739,445.30 to build the Greens Prairie Road Widening Project with a concrete pavement and to install the 6" diameter water line to the proposed Fire Station #5 by open cutting the existing roadway.

We look forward to working with you on the construction phase of this most important project. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me any time.

Sincerely,

EPSILON ENGINEERING, INC.



Michael A. Martin, P.E.
Project Director

Attachment: Bid Tabulation

cc: Ms. Laura Harris, E.I.T.